GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department – Preparation of Plan in violation of Planning norms resulted in fraudulent allotment of Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (now Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority) land reserved for "Community Centre" at Sector-II of MVP Colony, S.No.5/p of Peda Waltair of MVP Layout in violation of Hon'ble High Court and Hon'ble Supreme Court orders - Departmental action initiated against Sri B.Ramathirtha, the then Assistant Planning Officer, VMRDA and now retired as Planning Officer, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam under Rule-20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Enquiry conducted - Charges held 'not proved' - Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.13 **Dated:06.01.2022.**

Read the following:-

1) Proc. Rc.No.14/2012/A1, dated.14.06.2013 of Vice Chairman, Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority, Visakhapatnam.
2) From Sri B.Ramathirtha, the then Assistant Planning Officer, VUDA., written statement of defence, dated.30.06.2013.
3) G.O.Rt.No.332, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.02.05.2019.
4) G.O.Rt.No.333, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.02.05.2019.
5) Inquiry Report from the Inquiry Officer Sri Y.P.Ranganayakulu, RDDTCP., Visakhapatnam, Lr.Roc.No.163/2019/V1, dated.15.06.2020.
6) Govt.Memo.No.2508100/Vig.I/2019, dated.16.08.2021.
7) Representation from Sri B.Ramathirtha, Planning Officer (retired), dated.25.10.2021.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department that, the Vigilance & Enforcement Department enquired into the allegation of preparation of plan in violation of Planning norms resulted in fraudulent allotment of Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (now Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority) land reserved for "Community Centre" at Sector-II of MVP Colony, S.No.5/p of Peda Waltair of MVP Layout in violation of Hon'ble High Court and Hon'ble Supreme Court orders. In the reference 1st read above, the Vice Chairman, VUDA initiated departmental action by framing articles of charges against Sri B.Ramathirtha, the then Assistant Planning Officer, VUDA on the said allegations and directed them to submit his written statement of defences thereon.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, the charged officer submitted his written statement of defence, denying the charges framed against him and requested to drop further action.

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3. Whereas, Government have not convinced with the written statement of defence of the charged officer, issued orders in the reference 3rd read above, appointing Sri Y.P.Ranganayakulu, Regional Deputy Director of Town & Country Planning, Visakhapatnam as an Enquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against the above said official. In the reference 4th read above, the Secretary, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam was appointed as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiry Officer on behalf of Disciplinary Authority.

4. Whereas, in the reference 5th read above, Sri Y.P.Ranganayakulu, RDDTCP., & Enquiry Officer, Visakhapatnam submitted his enquiry report, concluding that, the two charges framed against Sri B.Ramatirtha, the then APO., and Planning Officer (retired), VMRDA are held "not proved" in the enquiry and requested to take further necessary action.

5. Government have examined the enquiry report and accepted the findings of the enquiry officer. Accordingly, in the reference 6th read above, while communicating a copy of enquiry report, under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, Sri B.Ramathirtha, the then Assistant Planning Officer, VMRDA and now retired as Planning Officer, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam was directed to submit his written representations, if any, on the findings of Enquiry Report of the Enquiry Officer.

6. In the references 7th read above, Sri B.Ramatirtha, the then APO., and Planning Officer (retired), VMRDA., Visakhapatnam has submitted his written representation, accepting the findings of the enquiry officer report and requested to drop further action against him.

7. Government have examined the matter duly following due procedure and keeping in view of the findings given by the Enquiry Officer and written representation of the delinquent officer, it has been decided to drop further action against Sri B.Ramathirtha, the then Assistant Planning Officer, VMRDA and now retired as Planning Officer, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam.

8. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against Sri B.Ramathirtha, the then Assistant Planning Officer, VMRDA and now retired as Planning Officer, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam, since the charges framed against him were held 'not proved' in the enquiry.

9. The Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

10. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B.Ramathirtha, the then Assistant Planning Officer, VMRDA
and now retired as Planning Officer, VMRDA, Visakhapatnam
- **through** the Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam.

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The Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam.

Copy to:

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The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
The G.A. (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
SF / SC (E.No.880021).

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.